

ARKANSAS  
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



May 17, 2004

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REPORTING FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 16 OF THE 2004 CROP YEAR

**RELEASED:** May 17, 2004, 3PM - Some counties around the state received heavy rainfall this week. Though activities were slightly delayed, crop progress remains on target for most commodities. There were 4 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 0 % very short, 3% short, 62% adequate, and 35 % surplus.

**CROPS:** Corn is progressing nicely and in good condition. Soybeans planting is slightly ahead of schedule. Emerged rice fields are receiving nitrogen fertilizer and herbicide applications. Very little rice replanting has commenced. Producers are awaiting an extended period of dryness in order to finish planting rice and cotton. Wheat remains in good condition and is starting to turn color.

**LIVESTOCK:** Livestock are reported in good condition. Major livestock activities for the week included cutting and baling hay, working and vaccinating cattle, and pasture weed control.

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN					1	4	29	54	12
Planted	99	98	100	99					
Emerged	96	93	99	95					
SOYBEANS									
Planted	47	38	34	32					
Emerged	38	25	25	20					
SORGHUM									
Planted	79	69	90	87					
Emerged	69	49	76	74					
COTTON									
Planted	69	46	57	72					
Emerged <sup>1</sup>	42	n/a	46	46					
RICE					2	5	27	50	16
Planted	91	88	92	90					
Emerged	83	72	84	75					
WHEAT					1	6	31	53	9
Headed	98	96	98	99					
HAY - OTHER					0	1	28	57	14
HAY-ALFALFA					0	2	36	59	3
PASTURE & RANGE .					0	2	20	64	14

<sup>1</sup> Was not asked previous week.

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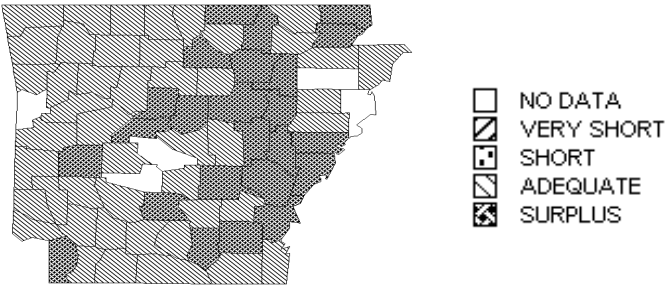
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WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

May 16, 2004. Temperatures were above normal. Rainfall in all areas. North Little Rock recorded the high temperature of 90<sup>o</sup> and Fayetteville recorded the low temperature of 49<sup>o</sup>. Precipitation ranged from a high of 4.39 inches at Greers Ferry to 0.28 inches at Clarksville.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: May 16, 2004

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEP FROM NORM	WEEK ENDING MAY 16	CURR MAY ACCUM.	MAY NORMAL	JAN-APR	
							2004	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	80	49	0	1.51	1.51	5.06	17.07	13.05
Harrison	82	50	-1	0.72	0.72	5.01	15.23	13.60
2 Calico Rock	84	53	0	2.70	2.89	4.83	15.51	14.79
Gilbert	83	51	-1	0.80	0.89	5.19	16.57	13.82
Greers Ferry	85	54	0	4.39	4.42	5.00	16.40	16.96
Mountain Home	83	51	1	0.90	1.05	4.85	19.26	14.35
3 Batesville	85	53	-1	3.73	3.86	4.88	18.86	15.86
Jonesboro	87	56	2	2.34	2.34	4.92	16.13	16.29
Keiser	85	52	1	3.16	3.78	5.57	17.34	17.24
Newport	87	56	1	1.50	1.57	4.74	15.66	16.64
4 Booneville	84	55	0	0.38	0.38	5.73	16.32	14.70
Clarksville	83	55	2	0.28	0.33	5.21	19.34	14.68
Dardanelle	84	53	0	0.56	0.56	5.67	18.63	15.18
Ft. Smith	86	57	2	0.44	0.44	5.29	15.25	12.81
Mena	80	55	2	1.19	1.19	6.65	19.85	17.33
Ozark	84	54	1	0.67	0.67	5.13	16.92	13.66
5 Conway	85	57	-1	3.19	3.19	4.62	17.47	16.20
Hot Springs	89	54	-1	1.75	1.75	6.41	16.86	18.25
Little Rock	87	56	1	1.22	1.22	5.05	18.30	17.29
N Little Rock	90	58	2	1.38	1.40	5.40	17.99	16.55
6 Brinkley	86	58	1	2.10	2.24	5.70	18.86	17.64
Marianna	83	56	0	3.44	4.11	5.34	18.05	18.92
Stuttgart	88	58	1	3.91	3.98	5.12	21.56	17.60
7 Hope	82	57	-1	2.49	2.49	4.90	17.42	18.01
Texarkana	84	58	-1	0.98	0.98	4.29	15.97	14.92
8 Camden	86	58	0	3.88	3.88	4.71	16.86	18.45
El Dorado	85	59	0	2.52	2.52	5.49	23.25	18.87
Warren	84	60	2	1.22	1.44	4.67	22.77	20.61
9 Eudora	86	60	1	4.11	4.11	5.43	17.30	22.87
Pine Bluff	86	60	1	1.10	1.10	4.96	21.42	18.43
Rohwer	86	62	0	1.58	1.58	4.78	23.93	19.68